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Superintendent's Compendium

Of Designations, Closures,
Permit Requirements and Other
Restrictions Imposed Under
Discretionary Authority.

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In accordance with regulations and the delegated authority provided in Title 36, Code of Federal Regulations ("36 CFR"), Chapter 1, Parts 1-7, authorized by Title 16 United States Code, Section 3, the following provisions apply to all lands and waters administered by the National Park Service, within the boundaries of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park. Unless otherwise stated, these regulatory provisions apply in addition to the requirements contained in 36 CFR, Chapter 1, Parts 1-7.

Written determinations, which explain the reasoning behind the Superintendent's use of discretionary authority, as required by Section 1.5(c), appear in this document identified by italicized print.

36 CFR §1.5 – VISITING HOURS, PUBLIC USE LIMITS, CLOSURES, AND CONDITIONS FOR SPECIFIC USES OR ACTIVITIES

(a)(1) The following visiting hours, public use limits, and closures are established:

Visiting Hours:

- The following areas are open from 8:30 am to 5:00 pm
 - Village Area and adjacent grounds
 - Main Visitor Parking Area, approach road, and adjacent grounds
 - Grant's Headquarters and parking area
 - North Carolina Monument and parking area
 - Confederate Cemetery and parking area
 - Lee's Headquarters and parking area
 - Appomattox Wayside Picnic Area

These visiting hours were determined to be in the best interests of the park and are necessary for the proper management of the park.

Public Use Limits -- Pursuant to §1.5(d) to implement a public use limit, the Superintendent may establish a permit, registration, or reservations system:

- The Superintendent may implement visitor occupancy limits for the park area in anticipation of large public events. In the event that such occupancy limits are implemented, notice will be posted on the park website (www.nps.gov/APCO) and at park entrances.

This condition is necessary to ensure visitor safety and proper management of the park.

Closures:

- The park is closed to recreational activities such as softball, football, horseshoes, badminton, Frisbee throwing, kite flying, and other similar activities. Any athletic activity that interferes with other visitor use, enjoyment or safety is prohibited.
- The park is closed to washing, waxing, repairing or servicing of vehicles is prohibited. Emergency repairs to vehicles are allowed.
- The park is closed to camping. See also 36 CFR § 2.10 of this document.

These closures are in effect to maintain the historical integrity of the site and to provide visitors with the appropriate experience to be able to understand and comprehend the events that occurred in the park.

(a)(2) The following areas are designated for a specific use or activity and/or the following conditions or restrictions are imposed on a specific use or activity:

Passenger Carrying Busses:

- Engines must be shut down when not underway.
- The ABCNP local shuttle bus vehicles are exempt when in-service.

The idling of bus engines adds unnecessary exhaust fumes to the air and diminishes the enjoyment by visitors of the peace and tranquility of the park. Due to the nature of the service provided by the shuttle busses, they are excluded from the requirement.

Hiking and Pedestrian Use:

- Hiking and pedestrian use is restricted to the park's trails and walkway system
- Leaving a trail or walkway to shortcut between portions of the same trail or walkway, or to shortcut between portions of the same trail or walkway is prohibited.

Restricting hikers and pedestrians to the park's trails and walkways helps protect the fragile habitat and natural resources of the park.

Picnicking:

- Picnicking is only allowed in the following designated areas:
 - Appomattox River Wayside
 - Grassy area adjacent to lower main parking lot.
 - See also 36 CFR § 2.11 of this document.

This restriction is in effect to maintain the historical significance of the site and to provide visitors with the appropriate experience to be able to understand and comprehend the events that occurred in the park.

Winter Recreation Activities:

- Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are allowed on established park trails, but are prohibited across archeological and cultural resources. See also 36 CFR § 2.19 of this document.
- Sledding, inner tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter sports are prohibited park wide. See also 36 CFR § 2.19 of this document.

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Bicycles:

- Pursuant to 36 CFR § 4.30, bicycles must stay on park roadways and parking areas.
- Riding bicycles in the main village area is prohibited, except by employees residing in the park after visiting hours.
- See also 36 CFR § 4.30 of this document.

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Unmanned Aircraft:

- Definition: the term "unmanned aircraft" means a device that is used or intended to be used for flight in the air without the possibility of direct human intervention from within or on the device, and the associated operational elements and components that are required for the pilot or system operator in command to operate or control the device (such as cameras, sensors, communication links). This term includes all types of device that meet this definition (e.g., model planes, quadcopters, drones) that are used for any purpose, including for recreation or commerce.
- Closure: Launching, landing or operating an unmanned aircraft from or on lands and waters administered by the National Park Service within the boundaries of Appomattox Court House National Historical Park is prohibited except as approved in writing by the Superintendent. This closure is necessary to maintain public health and safety and to protect park resources and values until the NPS can determine whether specific uses of unmanned aircraft on lands and waters administered by the NPS are appropriate and will not cause unacceptable impacts on park resources and values.

36 CFR §1.6 – ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE A PERMIT

Activities requiring a permit are listed above under Public Use Limits and throughout this document under the specific 36 CFR Section that authorizes or requires the issuance of a permit.

36 CFR §2.1 – PRESERVATION OF NATURAL, CULTURAL AND ARCHEOLOGICAL RESOURCES

(b) Hiking or pedestrian traffic is restricted to the trail(s) or walkway(s) listed in 36 CFR §1.5 of this document.

- Shortcutting on all trails is prohibited. See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

Under, §2.1(a) collecting natural materials from the park is generally prohibited. However, pursuant to §2.1(c), the following fruits, nuts, berries or unoccupied seashells may be gathered by hand for personal use or consumption, in accordance with the noted size, quantity, collection sites and/or possession and consumption restrictions:

- The gathering of fruits, berries and nuts in small quantities is allowed by permit only.

This allowance is made based on a determination that the gathering or consumption of small quantities of fruits, berries, and nuts will not adversely affect park wildlife, the reproductive potential of a plant species, or otherwise adversely affect park resources.

36 CFR §2.2 - WILDLIFE PROTECTION

(e) The following areas are closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light:

- The entire park is closed to the viewing of wildlife with the use of an artificial light.

36 CFR §2.4 – WEAPONS, TRAPS AND NETS

(a)(2)(i) Weapons, traps, or nets may only be carried, possessed or used at the following designated times and locations:

- Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 930, firearms are prohibited in the:
 - Visitor Center
 - McLean House
 - Clover Hill Tavern
 - Bookstore
- Park visitors who can legally possess and carry firearms under federal, state, and local law are allowed to carry them in the park. The role of the responsible gun owner is to know and obey the federal, state, and local laws appropriate to the park they are visiting.
- Weapons cannot be used in the park except by authorized federal, state, or local law enforcement officers in the performance of their official duties.
- Traps and nets are not permitted in the park

36 CFR §2.5 – RESEARCH SPECIMENS

(a) Taking plants, fish, wildlife, rocks or minerals is prohibited except in accordance with other regulations of Chapter I of 36 CFR or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a specimen collection permit.

36 CFR §2.10 – CAMPING AND FOOD STORAGE

(a) Camping is allowed in the following designated sites or areas and is subject to the following established conditions:

- Camping is prohibited in the park. See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

36 CFR §2.11 – PICNICKING

Conditions for Picnicking:

- The park is closed to picnicking except at the Appomattox River Wayside and the grassy area adjacent to the lower main parking lot. See also 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

36 CFR §2.12 – AUDIO DISTURBANCES

(a)(2) Operating a power saw in developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(a)(3) Operating any type of portable motor or engine, or device powered by a portable motor or engine in non-developed areas is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(a)(4) Operating a public address system is prohibited, except in connection with a public gathering or special event for which a permit has been issued pursuant to §2.50 or §2.51.

36 CFR 2.13 – FIRES

(a)(1) The lighting or maintaining of fires is prohibited, except in the following areas and/or receptacles, and under the conditions noted:

Fires are prohibited on NPS owned property, except as part of a permitted event, including but not limited to historic reenactments and encampments.

36 CFR §2.15 – PETS

(a)(1) Possessing pets in within all park buildings is prohibited.

- This restriction does not apply to guide dogs accompanying visually impaired persons or hearing ear dogs accompanying hearing-impaired persons.

(a)(5) Pet excrement must be disposed of in accordance with the following conditions:

- Pet excrement shall be removed from the main village area, the parking lot, and other areas of heavy public use.

36 CFR §2.16 – HORSES AND PACK ANIMALS

(b) The use of horses or pack animals is prohibited in all park areas , except as part of a permitted event, including but not limited historic reenactments and encampments.

36 CFR §2.17 – AIRCRAFT AND AIR DELIVERY

(a)(3) Delivering or retrieving a person or object by parachute, helicopter, or other airborne means is prohibited, except in emergencies involving public safety or serious property loss or pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

36 CFR §2.18 – SNOWMOBILES

(c) The use of snowmobiles is prohibited.

36 CFR §2.19 – WINTER ACTIVITIES

- Cross-country skiing and snowshoeing are allowed on established park trails, but is prohibited across archeological and cultural resources pursuant to 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.
- Sledding inner tubing, tobogganing, and similar winter sports are prohibited park wide pursuant to 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

36 CFR §2.20 – SKATING, SKATEBOARDS AND SIMILAR DEVICES

Using roller skates, skateboards, roller skis, coasting vehicles, or similar devices is prohibited, except that:

- Park residents may use them in the non-public areas immediately adjacent to their quarters

36 CFR §2.21 – SMOKING

(a) The following portions of the park, buildings, structures and/or facilities are closed to smoking as noted:

- All buildings within the park are smoke-free

These designations are in accordance with federal regulation and are based on a determination that smoking is prohibited to protect park resources, reduce the risk of fire, or prevent conflicts among visitor use activities.

36 CFR §2.22 – PROPERTY

(a)(2) Leaving property unattended for longer than 24 hours is prohibited, unless:

- The Superintendent has granted specific permission to leave a particular item unattended for longer than 24 hours

36 CFR §2.35 – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES AND CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

(a)(3)(i) The following areas and facilities within the park are closed to consumption of alcoholic beverages, and/or to the possession of a bottle, can or other receptacle containing an alcoholic beverage that is open, or has been opened, or whose seal has been broken or the contents of which have been partially removed:

- All areas of the park are closed to the possession and consumption of alcohol.

The park is closed to alcohol consumption because such activity is inappropriate considering the other uses of the park and the purpose for which the park was established and is maintained. The park was established and is maintained to commemorate the events and places leading to the end of the Civil War. Alcohol is prohibited to protect the park's historic significance and the visitor experience.

36 CFR §2.37 – NONCOMMERCIAL SOLICITING

Soliciting or demanding gifts, money, goods or services is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit that has been issued under §2.50, §2.51, or §2.52.

36 CFR §2.38 – EXPLOSIVES

(a) Using, possessing, storing, or transporting explosives, blasting agents or explosive materials is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

(b) Using, or possessing fireworks and firecrackers is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit or in designated areas under the following conditions:

36 CFR §2.50 – SPECIAL EVENTS

(a) Sports events, pageants, regattas, public spectator attractions, entertainments, ceremonies, and similar events are allowed, provided there is a meaningful association between the park area and the events, and the observance contributes to visitor understanding of the significance of the park area, and a permit therefor has been issued by the superintendent.

36 CFR §2.51 -- DEMONSTRATIONS

(b) Demonstrations of 25 people or less are allowed within the park areas designated as available under paragraph (c)(2). Demonstrations of more than 25 people are allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit for the activity.\

(c)(2) The following locations are designated as available for demonstrations:

- The law area around the Mariah Wright House

36 CFR §2.52 -- SALE OR DISTRIBUTION OF PRINTED MATTER

(b) The sale or distribution of printed matter by 25 people or less is allowed within the park areas designated as available under §2.51(c)(2) (see above). The sale or distribution of printed matter by more than 25 persons is allowed within designated park areas when the superintendent has issued a permit.

36 CFR §2.60 – LIVESTOCK USE AND AGRICULTURE

(a) Livestock are generally prohibited in any park area. They are only permitted in park areas pursuant to the exceptions provided for in §2.60(a) and only pursuant to the terms and conditions of a license, permit, or lease.

36 CFR §2.61 – RESIDING ON FEDERAL LANDS

(a) Residing in park areas, other than on privately owned lands, is prohibited except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit lease or contract.

36 CFR §2.62 – MEMORIALIZATION

(a) The installation of a monument, memorial, tablet, structure, or other commemorative installation in a park area without the authorization of the Director is prohibited.

(b) The scattering of human ashes from cremation is prohibited, except pursuant to the terms and conditions of a permit.

- The permit will stipulate the time, place, number of participants, use of park facilities, and other special considerations

36 CFR §4.30 – BICYCLES

(a) The use of a bicycle is prohibited except on park roads, in parking areas, and on routes designated for bicycle use. Bicycles are prohibited in the main village area as listed in 36 CFR § 1.5 of this document.

36 CFR §5.1 – ADVERTISEMENTS

Commercial notices or advertisements shall not be displayed, posted, or distributed on federally owned or controlled lands within a park area unless prior written permission has been given by the Superintendent.

36 CFR §5.3 – BUSINESS OPERATIONS

Engaging in or soliciting any business in park areas, except in accordance with the provisions of a permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States, except as such may be specifically authorized under special regulations applicable to a park area, is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.5 – COMMERCIAL PHOTOGRAPHY

(a) Before any motion picture may be filmed or any television production or sound track may be made by any person other than bona fide newsreel or news television personnel, written permission must first be obtained from the Superintendent.

(b) Taking photographs of any vehicle or other articles of commerce or models for the purpose of commercial advertising without a written permit from the Superintendent is prohibited.

36 CFR §5.6 – COMMERCIAL VEHICLES

(b) & (c) Using commercial vehicles on government roads within park areas when such use is in no way connected with the operation of the park is generally prohibited, and requires permission or a permit from the Superintendent.

36 CFR §5.7 – CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS OR OTHER FACILITIES

Such activities are prohibited, except in accordance with the provisions of a valid permit, contract, or other written agreement with the United States.